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THE TRUST PART THREE PREVIOUSLY...



After the superhuman civil war, Luke Cage, Spider-Man, Wolverine and Spider-Woman went underground rather than register their identities with the government. Together with Clint Barton--now wearing the costume of Ronin--Doctor Strange and Iron Fist, they traveled to Japan to rescue Maya Lopez, the deaf woman also known as Echo, from the band of assassins known as the Hand.

When the Hand's leader, Elektra, is killed in battle, her body reverts to its true form: that of a Skrull, a shape-shifting alien. The Avengers are sent into a tailspin of mistrust, especially after Spider-Woman takes the dead Skrull's corpse and disappears.

The Avengers agree to disband for a day and return if they trust each other enough to proceed as a group. While on a hunt for Skrull information, Wolverine discovers the plans of a mysterious villain named the Hood to attack Avengers Tower, headquarters of Tony Stark's Mighty Avengers.

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THE HOOD

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OF CRAP
MUTANT!

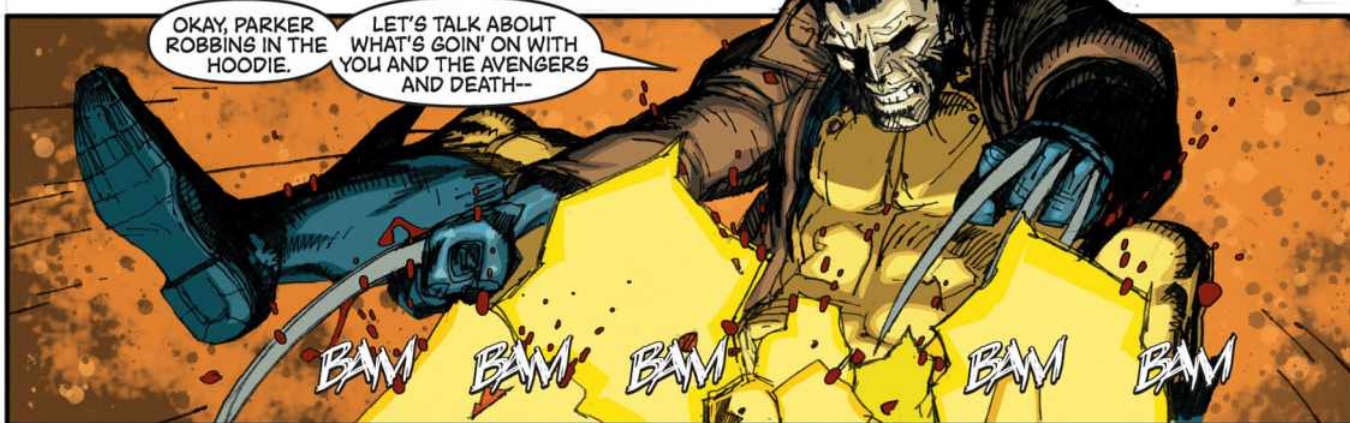
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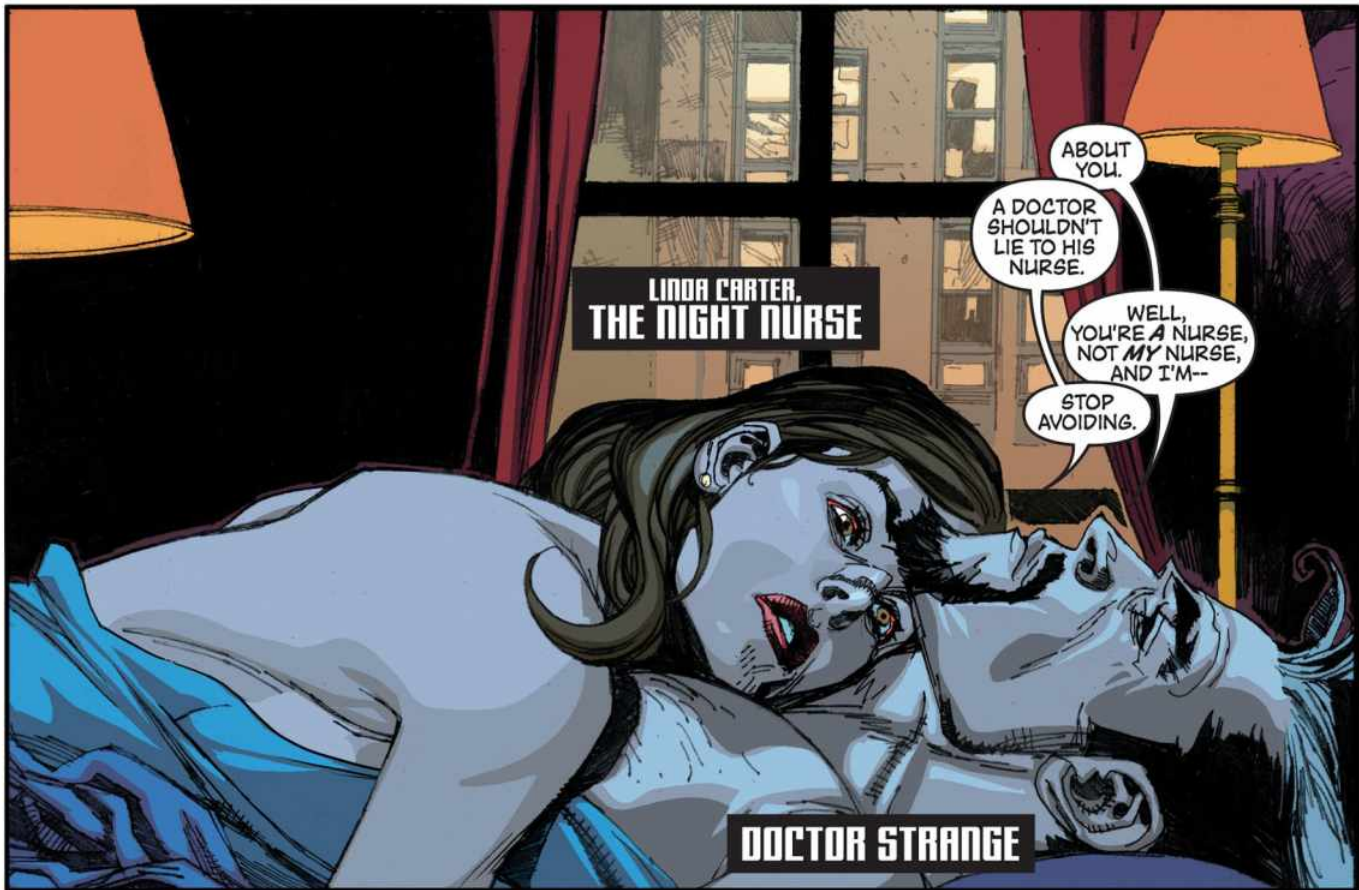
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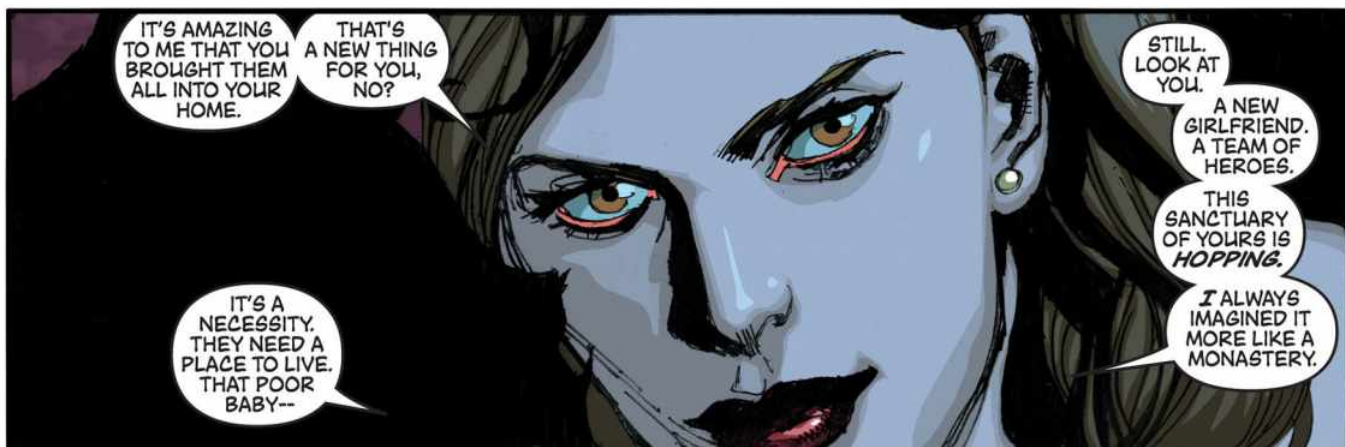


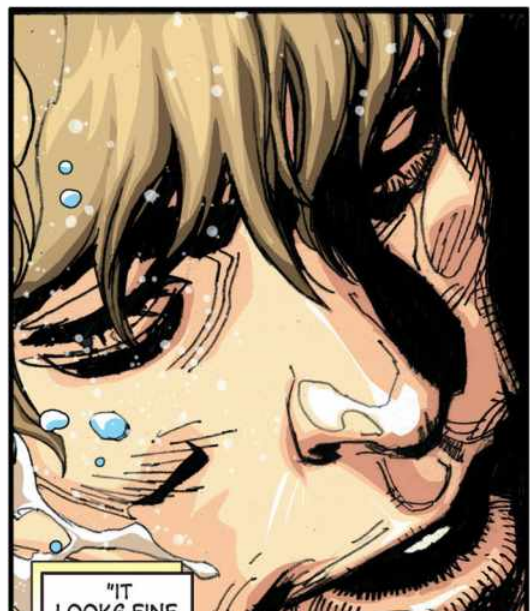
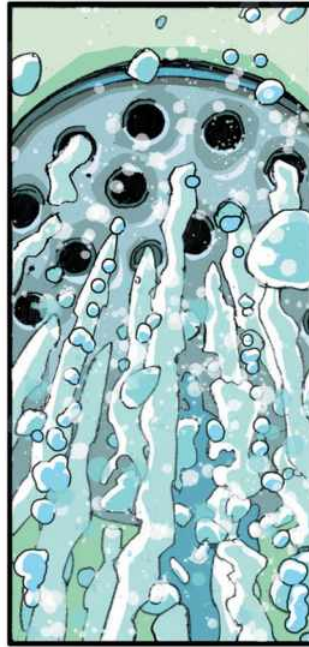
















SPIDER-MAN

YOU'RE CONFESSING THAT YOU MIGHT BE A SKRULL?

GRANTED, IT COULD BE THAT I'M PUNCHY FROM MY CLONE DAYS AND ALL THE OTHER NONSENSE IN MY LIFE, BUT I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT IT...

AND YOU'RE CONFESSING.

AND IT WOULD EXPLAIN A LOT IF I WAS, LIKE, A SLEEPER SKRULL.



LUKE CAGE

A SLEEPER SKRULL?

LIKE I'M A SKRULL AND EVEN I DON'T KNOW I'M A SKRULL.

AND SOMEONE IS GOING TO SAY THE MAGIC WORD, LIKE: MXYZPTLK...

...AND I'LL TURN ALL SKRULLY.



IS IT ME, OR ARE YOU COMPLETELY HAPPY ABOUT THE FACT THAT WE HAVE BEEN INVADED BY SKRULLS AND DIDN'T EVEN KNOW IT?

I AM, IN THE SENSE THAT WE HAVE A BAD GUY THAT ISN'T TONY STARK.



AND IS IT ME OR ARE YOU COMPLETELY HAVING SOME KIND OF PARANOID NERVOUS BREAKDOWN?

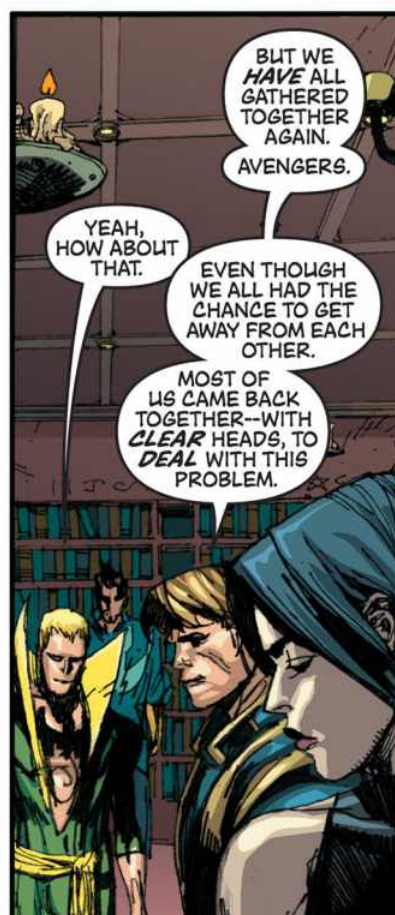
I CAN'T HELP HOW I FEEL.

BUT YOU WERE THE ONE ALL HAPPY THAT YOU MAYBE KNOW WHO'S BEEN PULLING EVERYONE'S STRINGS DURING THIS, THE MOST CRAZY TIME IN ALL OUR LIVES.

YEP.

AND NOW...

I CAN'T HELP HOW I FEEL.



BUT WE HAVE ALL GATHERED TOGETHER AGAIN. AVENGERS.

YEAH, HOW ABOUT THAT.

EVEN THOUGH WE ALL HAD THE CHANCE TO GET AWAY FROM EACH OTHER.

MOST OF US CAME BACK TOGETHER--WITH CLEAR HEADS, TO DEAL WITH THIS PROBLEM.



NO WOLVERINE.

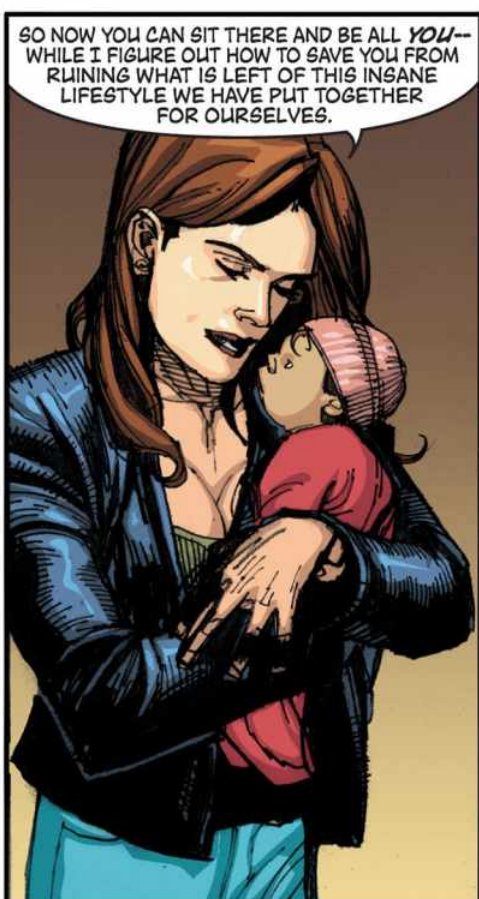
WELL, HE IS ON LIKE THREE OTHER TEAMS. GIVE HIM A BREAK.

COME ON, MAN, GET IT BACK.

I CAN'T HELP FEEL WHAT I FEEL.

DO YOU FEEL SKRULLY?

HE THINKS HIS KID'S A HALF-SKRULL BABY...









YEAH, OKAY...
I CAN LIVE WITH THAT.

THAT SHIRT!

WHAT ARE YOU?

THE IRON FIST THROUGH HISTORY.

NO DRESS.

NO CROSS-DRESSING.

GOOD.

WHEW!

AND JESSICA JONES DOES IN FACT WANT TO BE A SUPER HERO.

YOU, I DO NOT!

I KNEW IT.

I HATE YOU!

WHO IS THAT?

WH... THAT WOULD BE ME.

WHEN I WAS YOUNGER.

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

I'M NOT FREUD, BUT I GUESS I LIKED HIM BEFORE I WAS SPIDEY.

UGH.

DAREDEVIL? HE IS WHY I DO WHAT I DO.

THAT'S-THAT'S INTERESTING.

OKAY.

KEEP GOING.

BUT ISN'T THAT GOOD?

IT MEANS THAT'S WHO YOU ARE IN--

KEEP GOING!

HEY IS THAT--?

LET'S JUST LET IT GO.

OH, SORRY.

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU GUYS DOING?

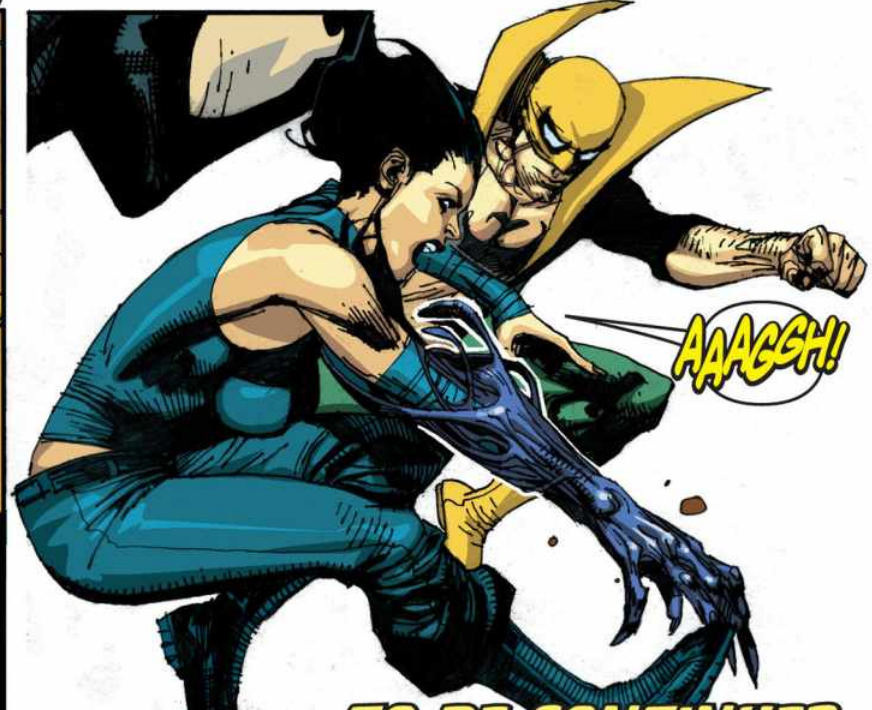








HOW THE HELL--?



AAAGGH!

Megan
Empire